

## **FISCAL UPDATE News Article**

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## NEW DIRECTOR AT IOWA READING RESEARCH CENTER

**New Director.** The Department of Education and the University of Iowa's College of Education named Dr. Deborah Reed as the next director of the Iowa Reading Research Center (IRRC). Dr. Reed has served as a researcher and faculty member at Florida State University's Florida Center for Reading Research, where she focused on identifying and intervening with struggling readers in general and special education classrooms. Dr. Reed will begin her new role as the Center's director on August 18.

**lowa Reading Research Center.** The IRRC, created by the lowa General Assembly and overseen by the lowa Department of Education, was launched in 2012 at Grant Wood Area Education Agency in Cedar Rapids. The IRRC's responsibilities include the development of reading assessments and evidence-based reading interventions, professional development training for educators, reviewing and making available literacy resources for lowa families, and developing guidelines for intensive summer reading programs that schools must have in place by 2017.

**Additional Information.** For more information, refer to the Iowa Reading Research Center <u>website</u> and the LSA Fiscal Topic.

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